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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YOSHIKAZU OGURA, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: 10/532,727 :
FILED: APRIL 27, 2005 :
FOR: METHOD OF REMOVING :
CAFFEINE FROM CAFFEINE- :
CONTAINING CATECHIN :
COMPOUND COMPOSITION :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.